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SRI S. DAIVASIGAMONEY : I would like to know from the Hon. Minister whether it is the policy of the Government to open National Extension Blocks in every taluk in course of time?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : It is not merely the policy of the Government to open such blocks in every taluk, but it is the policy of the Government to cover all the taluks before the end of the Second Five-Year Plan.

Ice factories in Malabar Coast

* 168 *Q.*—SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have any proposal to open ice factories in Malabar Coast for purposes of freezing and storing fish; and

(*b*) if so, the places chosen for the same?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) Does not arise.

Committee on Co-operation

* 169 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Committee on Co-operation has submitted its report to the Government; and

(*b*) if so, the details thereof?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) The Controller of Stationery and Printing has already been instructed to supply a copy of the report each to all the Members of the Legislature.

SRI S. PANCHAKSHARAM : Have the Government considered the proposals made by the Committee, if so, whether there is any proposal to bring in a comprehensive amending legislation embodying these proposals?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : Yes, Sir. Their report is being considered by a special staff appointed for the purpose at the office of the Registrar of Co-operative Societies. As soon as the proposals are submitted by the Registrar, Government will take necessary action in the matter.

* 170 *Q.*—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received the report of the Enquiry Committee on Co-operation;

(*b*) whether the Government have completed the consideration of the recommendations contained in the report; and

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(c) whether copy of the report together with the decisions of the Government thereon will be placed on the table of the House?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : **(a) Yes, Sir.**

(b) & (c) The Government have published the report and the Controller of Stationery and Printing has also been advised to supply a copy of the report to all the members of the Legislature. The Government are examining the report in consultation with the Registrar of Co-operative Societies.

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : Will this Hon. House be given an opportunity to express its opinion before the Government reach final conclusions on the report, Sir?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : That would be considered in due course.

SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN : May I know whether the copies would be given to us before reorganization of the States takes place?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : Yes, within a fortnight.

Digging of wells in Lower Bhavani Project area

* 171 Q.—SRI S. RAMALINGAM (on behalf of Sri N. K. Palanisamy) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the ryots in the Lower Bhavani Project area are permitted to dig new wells in the ayacut; and

(b) if not, why not?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (a) No, Sir.

(b) There was a lot of underground seepage from the existing canal and distributaries due to the porous nature of the sub-soil, as a result of which the water table in the Lower Bhavani Project area has considerably risen. When there is copious supply in the wells, the ryots will naturally be induced to grow garden and other commercial crops and also paddy, requiring more water than normally allowed for the crops under the Project and the extra supply of water will be only at the expense of the legitimate supply to the non-well ayacut lands. When the number of wells is enormous, the cumulative effect of percolation on all the wells will be considerable. Having realised this and with a view to minimise the extra drawoff the Government have passed orders that no new wells or deepening of existing wells should be permitted in the project area until the project has been functioning for some years.

SRI K. R. NALLASIVAM : கிணறு வெட்டக் கூடாது என்று கூறப்பட்டிருக்கும் சம்பந்தப்பட்ட உத்தரவில் இந்த உத்தரவு சில காலம் வரையில் அமலில் இருக்கும் என்று சொல்லப்பட்டிருக்கிறது. சில காலம் வரையில் என்றால் எத்தனை வருஷங்கள் வரையில்? எத்தனை வருஷங்களுக்குப் பிறகு கிணறு வெட்டுவது அனுமதிக்கப்படும் என்று அறிய விரும்புகிறேன்.